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Mid-December Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of December showed increases for alfalfa hay, all barley, feed and malting barley, beef cattle, steers and heifers. Prices decreased for dry beans, potatoes, all wheat, cows, and all milk.

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in December, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from November. Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, strawberries, and lettuce. Lower prices were received for oranges, broilers, dairy and grapes.

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Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Dec. 2004-Dec. 2005

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		December 2004	November 2005	December 2005 ^{1/}	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hav	Ton	112.00	118.00	122.00	92.10	97.50	97.70	--
Barlev. All	Bu	2.92	2.97	3.01	2.49	2.64	2.54	35
Feed	Bu	1.99	1.85	1.90	1.66	1.77	1.70	--
Malting	Bu	3.10	3.18	3.20	2.74	2.93	2.86	35
Drv Beans	Cwt	24.60	22.40	21.20	27.00	18.30	18.60	42
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt	3.90	5.40	5.35	5.36	6.31	6.60	
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt	3.50	6.70	--	5.56	8.52	--	--
Processing	Cwt	4.10	4.50	--	5.23	4.87	--	--
Wheat. All	Bu	3.60	3.25	3.18	3.40	3.47	3.47	33
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt	77.90	78.10	80.50	86.80	91.30	92.70	50
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt	46.90	45.20	44.50	48.60	46.00	46.60	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	89.90	94.30	94.50	91.90	97.30	99.10	--
Calves	Cwt	117.00	130.00	131.00	122.00	133.00	135.00	54
Lambs	Cwt	100.00	103.00	--	101.00	107.00	--	--
Milk. All ^{6/}	Cwt	15.10	13.60	13.50	16.40	15.10	14.70	8/39
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt	15.10	13.60	--	16.40	15.10	14.80	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt	16.00	13.60	--	16.10	14.40	14.40	--

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.80, fluid milk 3.79, mfg. grade 4.05. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	November 2004	December 2004	November 2005		December 2005 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	115	111	113	113	114
Prices Paid	135	134	143	143	143
Ratio ^{1/}	85	83	79	79	80

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

Idaho Winter Wheat Seedings Down 3 Percent

Idaho's winter wheat seedings for the 2006 crop are estimated at 750,000 acres, down 3 percent from the 770,000 acres seeded for the 2005 crop.

Nationally, winter wheat planted for harvest in 2006 is estimated at 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from 2005. United States Hard

Red Winter wheat seeded area is about 29.9 million acres, down 1 percent from 2005. Soft Red Winter wheat, at about 7.3 million acres, is up 19 percent from last year. White Winter wheat seeded totals nearly 4.2 million acres, down 1 percent from 2005.

December 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's December 1, 2005 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 56.7 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year's 51.5 million bushels. On-farm storage was estimated at 24.5 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year's 28.0 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 32.2 million bushels, up 37 percent from December 1, 2004. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 52.7 million bushels, up 26 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 23.0 million bushels, unchanged from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 29.7 million bushels, up 57 percent from last year's 18.9 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions December 1, 2005, was estimated at 1.43 billion bushels, down slightly from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 513 million bushels, down 3 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 917 million

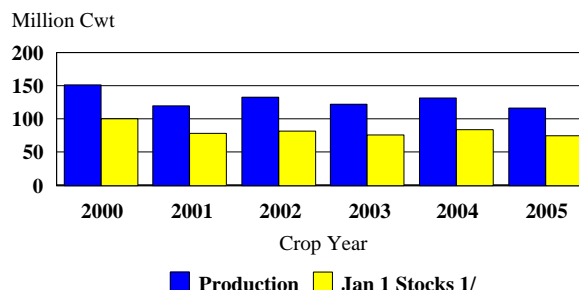
bushels, are up 2 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2005 totaled 208 million bushels, down 15 percent from December 1, 2004. On-farm stocks are estimated at 104 million bushels, 21 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 104 million bushels, are 9 percent below December 2004. Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2005, totaled 95.7 million bushels, 9 percent below the stocks on hand December 1, 2004. Of the total stocks on hand, 60.1 million bushels are stored on farms, down slightly from a year ago. Pulse crops stored in all positions on December 1, 2005, and the change from December 1, 2004, are: dry edible peas, 6.4 million cwt, down 17 percent; lentils, 3.08 million cwt, up 17 percent; Austrian winter peas, 280,000 cwt, up 23 percent; all chickpeas, 608,000 cwt, up 35 percent, small chickpeas, 92,000 cwt, up 80 percent; and large chickpeas, 516,000 cwt, up 29 percent.

Idaho Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on January 1 totaled 74.5 million cwt, 10.0 million cwt less than on hand January 1, 2005. Disappearance, at 42.5 million cwt, is down from last year's 47.5 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 4.80 million cwt, down from last year's revised 5.60 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 69.7 million cwt, were 9.2 million cwt less than the amount stored on January 1, 2005.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 219 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2006, down 7 percent from last year and 6 percent below January 1, 2004, for comparable States. Potatoes in storage account for 59 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, unchanged from last year. Disappearance of 154 million cwt from the start of harvest to January 1, is down 7 percent from last year for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 16.2 million cwt, is down 14 percent from last year for comparable States.

Idaho Potato Stocks - January 1 Production vs Stocks



1/ Following Year
National Agricultural Statistics Service, Idaho Field Office

Fall Potatoes: Production & Stocks 2000-2005 Idaho & 15 Major States

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
IDAHO			1,000 Cwt					
2000	152,320	111,000	101,000	87,500	76,500	61,500	47,000	26,500
2001	120,200	87,500	78,000	68,000	58,000	45,000	32,500	18,500
2002	133,385	92,000	82,500	72,500	62,000	49,000	34,500	21,000
2003	123,180	86,000	76,500	67,000	58,000	46,000	33,000	19,500
2004	131,970	93,500	84,500	75,000	64,000	52,000	38,500	24,000
2005	116,975	84,000	74,500					
15 States								
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 1/	372,581	251,800	218,900					

1/. 13 States for 2005.

Idaho Dry Bean Production Up 14 Percent from Last Year

Idaho's 2005 dry edible bean production is expected to total 1.86 million cwt, unchanged from the December forecast, but up 14 percent from last year's production of 1.64 million cwt. Planted acreage of 100,000 and harvested acreage of 98,000 increased from last year's 80,000 acres planted and 78,000 acres harvested. Average yield is expected to be 1,900 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from the previous year.

Pinto production increased from last year, and continues to account for the largest portion of Idaho's crop with 35.3 percent of Idaho's production. Chickpea (garbanzo) production increased 84 percent from the 2004 crop, accounting for 17.7 percent of the total. The majority of chickpea production was the large type. Pink production accounted for 15.0 percent of all production. Small red production accounted for 10.4 percent of production. Navy production accounted for 7.3 percent. Great northern and black production each accounted for 2.7 percent of Idaho's production. Small whites, light red kidneys, dark red kidneys, cranberries, and other classes made up the remaining dry edible bean production in

Idaho. Of the 12 classes of dry edible beans estimated for Idaho during 2005, great northern, small whites, cranberries, and blacks posted production losses. All other classes posted production gains.

Nationally, production of dry edible beans is estimated at 27.2 million cwt for 2005, up less than 1 percent from the December forecast and 53 percent above last year. Harvested area is estimated at 1.56 million acres, virtually unchanged from the last forecast, but up 28 percent from 2004. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,742 pounds per acre, an increase of 11 pounds from the December forecast and 283 pounds above a year ago. Production is above a year ago in 15 of the 17 major producing States. Most notable production increases from last year are Minnesota up 111 percent, Colorado 83 percent higher, and North Dakota increasing 81 percent. Production is up from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, navy, great northern, pinto, light red kidney, dark red kidney, pink, small red, blackeye, and small and large chickpeas. Production decreased from last year for small white, cranberry, and black.

All Dry Beans: Acreage, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2004 – 2005 ^{1/}

State	Planted		Harvested		Yield ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Acres		Acres		Pounds		1,000 Cwt	
California	60.0	66.0	57.0	65.0	2,020	2,130	1,152	1,385
Colorado	75.0	125.0	67.0	115.0	1,550	1,650	1,039	1,898
Idaho	80.0	100.0	78.0	98.0	2,100	1,900	1,638	1,862
Michigan	190.0	235.0	185.0	230.0	1,700	1,700	3,145	3,910
Minnesota	115.0	145.0	100.0	135.0	1,150	1,800	1,150	2,430
Nebraska	120.0	175.0	110.0	172.0	2,160	2,250	2,376	3,870
North Dakota	560.0	620.0	475.0	565.0	1,000	1,520	4,750	8,588
Oregon	8.0	9.0	7.5	8.8	1,550	2,000	116	176
Washington	30.0	49.0	29.0	48.0	2,100	1,650	609	792
U.S. Total	1,354.3	1,659.3	1,219.3	1,562.9	1,459	1,742	17,788	27,222

1/. Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

2/. Clean basis.

U.S. Dairy Products November 2005 Highlights

Total Cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 761 million pounds, 0.9 percent above November 2004 and 0.4 percent above October 2005.

American Type Cheese production totaled 312 million pounds, 3.2 percent above November 2004 and 0.2 percent above October 2005.

Butter production was 110 million pounds, 8.6 percent above November 2004 and 2.7 percent above October 2005.

Frozen Desserts: (Comparisons with November 2004)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) --- 61.8 million gallons, up 4.6 percent.

Lowfat (total) --- 26.5 million gallons, down 3.1 percent.

Nonfat (hard) --- 1.17 million gallons, up 4.7 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 3.42 million gallons, down slightly.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 4.22 million gallons, down 10.4 percent.

Nonfat dry milk for human food: (compared with November 2004) --- 89.2 million pounds, up 6.4 percent.

U.S. Hog Inventory

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005 was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The Sept.-Nov. 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 26.1 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004 and up 2 percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 for the Sept.-Nov. 2005 period, compared to 8.96 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Hog and Pig Numbers by Class December 1, 2004-2005, Selected States¹

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2004	2005		2004	2005		2004	2005	
		Number	As % Of 2004		Number	As % Of 2004		Number	As % Of 2004
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Illinois	420	430	102	3,680	3,570	97	4,100	4,000	98
Indiana	290	310	107	2,910	2,890	99	3,200	3,200	100
Iowa	1,070	1,070	100	15,230	15,330	101	16,300	16,400	101
Kansas	155	160	103	1,555	1,620	104	1,710	1,780	104
Minnesota	600	590	98	5,900	6,010	102	6,500	6,600	102
Missouri	340	345	101	2,560	2,405	94	2,900	2,750	95
Nebraska	355	350	99	2,495	2,500	100	2,850	2,850	100
N. Carolina	1,020	1,010	99	8,880	8,790	99	9,900	9,800	99
Ohio	155	165	106	1,295	1,385	107	1,450	1,550	107
Oklahoma	360	360	100	2,030	2,010	99	2,390	2,370	99
TOTAL 10 STATES	4,765	4,790	101	46,535	46,510	100	51,300	51,300	100
OTHER STATES									
Idaho	3	4	133	18	17	94	21	21	100
Montana	17	18	106	148	157	106	165	175	106
Oregon	5	4	80	22	19	86	27	23	85
Utah	92	92	100	598	598	100	690	690	100
Washington	4	5	125	22	25	114	26	30	115
Wyoming	20	19	95	94	94	100	114	113	99
UNITED STATES	5,969	6,011	101	55,005	55,186	100	60,975	61,197	100

^{1/} May not add due to rounding.